

Following the Light!

"Whosoever doth make manifest is light."

Star of the East, how sweet art thou,
Seen in life's early morning sky.
No yet a cloud has dimmed the brow,
While yet we gaze with childish eye.

When Father, mother, nursing friend,
Most dearly loved and loved
Have bid us from their arms
To follow Thee in Thy
Sweet path.

How may we lose it from our
Sight,
To all our hopes and
Thoughts are led
To where it stays its lucid
Flight
O'er our Saviour's lowly
Bed.

The first story of our
Childhood; the first spark
That fired our infantile en-
durance, the first romance
That ever filled us with
awe and reverential in-
terest, the recital of the
story of the Star of Beth-
lehem, and the gathering
of the Eastern Kings
around the feet of the
Child, King of all the
earth. All this it is to
us, and more; just as it
was the light that look-
ed the Magi on their long
and perilous journey to
seek Him "who was for
to come;" so was its
story to most of us, the
first glimmering of light,
that led our minds and
hearts to the contempla-
tion of Him who is the
Light of the world. We
may have often almost
forgotten the story, we
may many a time have
closed our eyes from Him
of whom it was the har-
binger, and in the pursuit
of the will-o'-the-wisp of
pleasure, or in the con-
templation of the false
lights of the world, have
been for a season in deep-
est darkness all true lights
which emanated from
Him; but in every dis-
appointment and in every
struggle between good
and evil, have the glim-
merings of that Star ap-
peared, and happy is it
for us, if like the Magi
we have found ourselves
in amazement at His feet
adoring such gifts as we
have had to offer, for those
with whom have we re-
joiced we have seen
the Star hovering over
the place, where He was.

"True indeed is it that
"Whosoever doth make manifest is light."
The Star in the East made manifest to
the heathen kings, the route to the pre-
sence of the Child-Christ; but to us the
light that goes out from the character of
the Christ Himself, has shown the road
that leads to every good and perfect way.
For we unto whom the ends of the earth
have come, and upon whom the light of
the Gospel has shone with all its power,

are of a truth children of the light, for we
have seen the Christ, and we know what
we ought to do to follow in God's likeness,
and live in love, and have no fellowship
with the unfruitful works of darkness.
We who live in this Canada of ours to-
day, gentle or simple, crafty or humble,
have seen the light, and whether we have
come to worship Him or not, we of a
truth have seen His star. We have the

guilty of filthy actions; that there is no
harm in being covetous, provided we do
not actually cheat our neighbor; that we
may keep dark thoughts, spite, suspicion,
envy, cunning, in our hearts day after day,
and year after year, provided we do not
openly act on them so as to injure others.
Plenty of people will tell us so, and try to
deceive us with vain words, and perhaps
give us arguments and texts of Scripture

each other, as children of wrath, peevish
and discontented. We know that these
are the stars which mark men silent, dark,
sour, double-minded and double-tongued,
afraid to look anyone full in the face, or of
opening their minds to each other, be-
cause they have something on their minds
which they dare not tell to their neighbors,
or even to themselves, but think about it
as little as they can. We all understand
this. We have seen it
in others. You we have
felt it in ourselves, when
we have done wrong, the
dark feeling that shows
itself in dark looks. And
we are right. We know
that sin is darkness, and
sinful deeds the work of
darkness; and that good-
ness and righteousness
and truth are light, the
very light of God, the
light of Bethlehem's Star,
the light of the Spirit of
God.

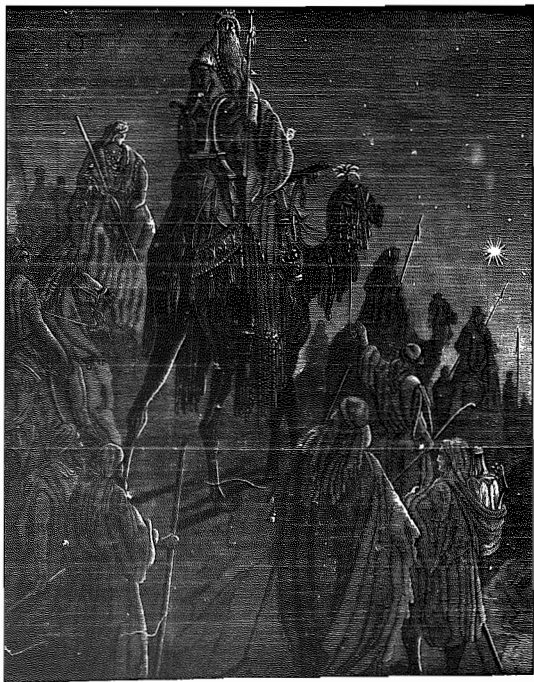
Yes we all have this
light, this ray from His
star, to lead us on our
course to Him. What-
soever makes manifest is
light; that is, makes
plain and clear. What-
soever shows us more what
we are and where we are,
and what we ought to do;
whatsoever teaches us any
single hint about our duty
to God, or man, or the
dumb animals, or the
earth about us, or the
business we follow; what-
soever shows us the right
or the wrong in any
matter, the truth or the
falsehood in any matter,
the prudent course and
the imprudent course in
any matter; in a word
whatsoever makes our
minds more clear about
any single thing in heaven
or earth is light. Paul
says, whatsoever makes
anything clearer to you is
light. "There is no dark-
ness, and there is the good
news of Salvation, for he
goes on to say, "Where-
fore arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give thee
light." Oh, blessed news!
Christ shall give thee
light, therefore we need
not be afraid of it, but
trust it, and welcome it;
and more, we have not to
hunt after it and search
for it, but He will give it
us; not sell the truth, but
allow time to find it after
great struggles, and weary
years of study, but give
thee light.

"A Light to Lighten the Gentiles."

light, and we know the darkness when we
see it, the light within us does reprove the
unfruitful works of darkness. False pro-
phets and false guides may come, but we
do not believe them, in our hearts we
know sin as sin, and we are not deceived
by false lights such as these. We do not
believe them when they say that there is
no harm in this, that, or the other; that
we may use filthy words, if we are not

to prove that sin is not sin, and that the
children of the light may do the deeds of
darkness, but we know perfectly well, from
the light that is within us that they are as
Paul says, deceivers and their words are
vain, and we know that these are the very
things that bring down the wrath of God
upon the children of disobedience. We
know that these are the sins which make
people despise, distrust, and quarrel with

that we shall have understanding without
study? You cannot make that we are to
become wise without careful thought; or
that we are to understand books without
learning to read. Paul did not say give
thee eyes, give thee sense, but give thee
light. Do you see the difference? Of
what use would your eyes be without light?
And of what use would light be if you
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...a cripple and not able to move, inferior than ever I was in my life ever expected to be; and if I lived this twenty years ago, I have been spared much anxiety."—

Commissioner said had fallen in love with his wife some four years ago in old Richmond at his first meeting in this country.

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